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Supreme Court releases update to *Foundation of Justice*

For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has updated the documentary *The Foundation of Justice* in time for the 2016-2017 school year.

Two videos that comprise the documentary are now on the West Virginia Judiciary YouTube Channel, with links on the Judicial System's website at <http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/student-resources/FoundationJustice.html>. Accompanying class activities also are available on the website.

The 15-minute *West Virginia Court System* and 17-minute *Supreme Court Chamber and History* replace a 27-minute documentary released on DVD in 2009. While the 2009 DVD was distributed by mail to schools, only a limited number of DVDs were printed of the update because it is available on the Internet.

“The 2009 DVD contained valuable information for students and the public, and much of the original has been retained in the new videos,” said Chief Justice Menis Ketchum. “It needed to be updated, however, because since 2009 the number of circuit judges and family court judges has changed, and the Supreme Court Chamber has been remodeled so that it is as close to the original design of Cass Gilbert as possible.

“The Court also felt that two shorter videos, one about the West Virginia Court System and one about the Supreme Court's chamber and history, might be more useful to teachers and more interesting to students than one longer film,” Chief Justice Ketchum said.

For those who need a hard copy, both videos are contained on a single DVD available from the Supreme Court Public Information Office. Contact Jennifer Bundy at Jennifer.bundy@courtswv.gov (304)340-2305 or April Harless at april.harless@courtswv.gov (304) 340-2306.

Both the 2009 documentary and the 2016 videos are narrated by Senior Status Justice Tom McHugh and were produced by Motion Masters of Charleston.